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Meeting: Tuesday, November 18, 2014, 2:00 pm
Community Safety Building, 2nd floor

Attendance: Robert Jefferson, AFD Chief/EMD Director; Owen Carrigan, EMD Deputy Director; Mike Rademacher, DPW Director; Town Manager, Adam Chapdelaine; Christine Bongiorno, Director Health & Human Services; Joan Roman, PIO; Mark Miano, Town Facilities Manager; Andrew Flanagan, Deputy TM; Joe Curro, Selectmen; Eileen Messina, TM Admin, David Good, IT Director; Deputy Jim Bailey, Fire and Capt. Al Sharpe, Fire

Chief Jefferson made a motion to amend the minutes from February 27, 2014 to add Mark Miano for his attendance. Minutes were approved after the amendment by Owen Carrigan and second by Deputy Jim Bailey.

Chief Jefferson and Owen Carrigan attended the REPC meeting this morning (11/18/14) and they said there is a full meeting on December 2nd. Owen spoke of the REPC tabletop exercise that they will be having that day. The exercise will be a car accident with a truck carrying 3,500 gallons of Ethanol, in a thickly settled residential area. The exercise will be from 8:00am - 2:00pm at the Colonial Hotel in Wakefield, MA. The Chief said he would like to see more people in the Town get involved, not just Police and Fire.

Grants – EMPG, CERT, MRC updates

Capt. Al Sharpe has been working with the Boston Hospital Consortium in regards to preparing for an Ebola breakout. The firefighters have been in training for the past 8 weeks, fire department has been purchasing special gear and equipment so they will have it available.

Chief Jefferson, Christine Bongiorno and surrounding communities attended a meeting with Armstrong Ambulance. Armstrong informed them that they have a dedicated ambulance available in the event of an Ebola breakout.

Chief felt comfortable that we are following the laws of infectious diseases and that we are prepared if there is an outbreak.

Town Manager asked that we have a little more detail about the quarantine procedure. Christine said that the recommendations are 21 days if it is a known exposure. If someone was working in a hospital but they were in full gear and followed the proper procedures there are different quarantine procedures.

Joe Curro asked about how we deal with the medical waste. Capt. Sharpe said that they have specific bags that they dispose items.

ICS Training

Owen and Eileen Messina have been going over the list of different departments and employees that should be trained. The Chief said to concentrate more on the upper management of each department.

New Business

Mike Rademacher said that he had been approached by NStar about pruning the tress again. Mike has agreed to let them prune certain areas in town to see how they do. The locations are by the Lexington line and a couple in the east end. Once the pruning is done, a notice will be sent out to the public to get their feedback. He said there is a mandatory tree trimming that is to be done every 4 years to maintain the branches that are near the wires. Chief mentioned that 50% of the outages during the winter are due to the weight on the branches that are on wires. Chief Jefferson stated that there are 170 locations around town with unsightly wires that need to be removed. Also Comcast and Verizon need to clean up their wires.

Chief Jefferson informed us that the Thompson School is a shelter with heat and limited lighting. Christine said that we could contact the Red Cross to have them come and inspect it and certify it.

Adam Chapdelaine made motion to adjourn, second by Mike Rademacher.

Meeting adjourned at 2:40pm.